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October 22, 2024

### **BY ECF**

Honorable Paul G. Gardephe United States District Judge Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. William Weiner,

22 Cr. 19 (PGG)

Dear Judge Gardephe:

The Government writes in response to defendant William Weiner's letter dated October 10, 2024 disputing restitution to Mid-Century Insurance Company ("Mid-Century") and the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). (D.E. 480).

Mid-Century has submitted a letter responding to Weiner's claims, which is incorporated herein as Exhibit A.

Weiner is further incorrect that he "has already paid the IRS." (D.E. 480 at 3). As part of his plea agreement, Weiner elected to file amended returns with the IRS rather than have the IRS prepare a form 870. Weiner submitted the amended returns to the IRS but did not inform the IRS service center that the amended returns were a requirement of a criminal plea agreement for fraud. As a result, the IRS rejected or refunded several of the checks including check no. 223 (\$7,022), check no. 224 (\$60,715), and check no. 225 (\$7,917). To remedy the situation, the IRS Special Agent assigned to the case has provided a form 870, incorporated herein as Exhibit B, which will allow the tax assessments from the amended returns to process and for the applicable civil fraud penalties to be added. Since the returns were filed jointly, Dr. Weiner and wife must sign the form

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870 and return it to the IRS Special Agent assigned. Afterwards, they should write new checks for the amounts set forth in the form 870.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Exhibit A



October 22, 2024

### Via ECF

The Honorable Paul G. Gardephe United States Disctrict Court Southern District of New York 40 Foley Square New York, New York 10007

Re: United States of America v. William Weiner Docket No.: 22CR19 (PGG)

## Dear Judge Gardephe:

We represent Mid-Century Insurance Company and its parent company Farmers Insurance Exchange (collectively, "Farmers"). The foregoing is submitted in response to defendant William Weiner's letter dated October 10, 2024 wherein Weiner argues that he need not make any further restitution to Farmers because any losses should be offset by any amount that the insurer would have paid had the Weiner not committed the fraud. *United States v. Mahmood*, 820 F.3d 177, 196 (5th Cir. 2016).

Weiner acknowledges that if there is evidence Nexray was fraudulently incorporated (also known as a *Mallela* violation), then restitution would be appropriate. *United States v. Israilov*, 2024 WL 3888773 (S.D.N.Y. August 20, 2024). Weiner argues that there is no need to make restitution in this case because there was no *Mallela* violation in Nexray.

In fact, there is ample evidence that Nexray was fraudulently incorporated. Weiner pleaded guilty to making false statements regarding the involvement of layperson Bradley Pierre in the operation and management of Nexray and that Pierre had a non-recourse loan and was to be repaid in Nexray insurance claims.

Specifically, during his January 16, 2024 allocution, Weiner admitted that his relationship with Pierre constituted a Mallela violation:

THE COURT: All right. So are you saying that the attorney was aware that as a result of Bradley Pierre's role in your medical practice, that it was not lawful to obtain medical reimbursement from the insurance company?

THE DEFENDANT: That's fair to say, your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. And so I want to be clear that with respect to their effort to obtain reimbursement from the insurance company, you understood at the time that because of Bradley Pierre's role in your medical practice, you did not have a right to obtain reimbursement for the medical claims?

THE DEFENDANT: I understood that I had the right to make claims to the insurance company but that they would contest his role in my medical practice to deny the payments.

THE COURT: Right. And because of that, you did not disclose to the insurance companies Bradley Pierre's role in your medical practice?

THE DEFENDANT: That's correct.

See ECF Docket 385 at p.21.

Weiner's false testimony directly resulted in Farmers making \$334,612.22 in payments that would have been properly denied. Accordingly, it is appropriate that Weiner should be ordered to make restitution to Farmers as a result of the false statements that are the subject of this criminal proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

Harlan R. Schreiber

CC: All Counsel (Via ECF)

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# Exhibit B

Names and address of taxpayers (number, street, city or town, state, ZIP code)

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Taxpayer identification number

Form **870** (June 2022)

William & Lois Weiner

Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service

# Waiver of Restrictions on Assessment and Collection of Deficiency in Tax and Acceptance of Overassessment

Date received by Internal Revenue Service

Increase (Decrease) in		ties			
Tax Year Ended	Tax	Tax Penalties			
12/31/2016	7,022.00	IRC 6663 5,266.50			
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12/31/2017	61,188.00	45,891.00			
12/31/2018	7,917.00	5,937.75			
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Spouse's signature					Date
Taxpayer's Representative signature				Date	
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Date received by Internal Revenue Service

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Increase (Decrease) in		ties			
Tax Year Ended	Tax		Pen	alties T	
12/31/2019	38,890.00	IRC 6663 29,167.50			
12/31/2020	(55,621.00)				
For additional provisions and	instructions, see pag	je 2		•	•
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Spouse's signature					Date
Taxpayer's Representative signature				Date	
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## Instructions for Form 870, Waiver of Restrictions on Assessment and Collection of Deficiency in Tax and Acceptance of Overassessment

#### **General Information**

If you consent to the assessment of the deficiencies shown in this waiver, please sign and return the form in order to limit any interest charge and expedite the adjustment to your account. Your consent will not prevent you from filing a claim for refund (after you have paid the tax) if you later believe you are so entitled. It will not prevent us from later determining, if necessary, that you owe additional tax; nor extend the time provided by law for either action.

We have agreements with State tax agencies under which information about Federal tax, including increases or decreases, is exchanged with the States. If this change affects the amount of your State income tax, you should file the required State form.

If you later file a claim and the Service disallows it, you may file suit for refund in a district court or in the United States Claims Court, but you may not file a petition with the United States Tax Court.

We will consider this waiver a valid claim for refund or credit of any overpayment due you resulting from any decrease in tax and penalties shown above, provided you sign and file it within the period established by law for making such a claim.

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### Who Must Sign

If you filed jointly, both you and your spouse must sign. If this waiver is for a corporation, it should be signed with the corporation name, followed by the signatures and titles of the corporate officers authorized to sign. An attorney or agent may sign this waiver provided such action is specifically authorized by a power of attorney which, if not previously filed, must accompany this form.

If this waiver is signed by a person acting in a fiduciary capacity (for example, an executor, administrator, or a trustee) Form 56, Notice Concerning Fiduciary Relationship, should, unless previously filed, accompany this form.

Catalog Number 16894U www.irs.gov Form **870** (Rev. 6-2022)

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### **Continuation Sheet**

NAME: William & Lois Weiner TIN:

Interest on Deficiencies

Interest on Deficiencies will accrue from the due date of the return until paid.

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